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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

ABSORBENT SANITARY ARTICLE FOR ABSORBING BODY FLUID

the specification of which was filed on January 28, 2004 as United States Application Number 10/766,272, and was amended on January 28, 2004.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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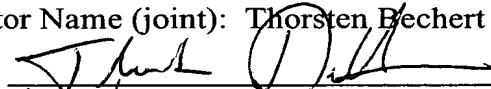
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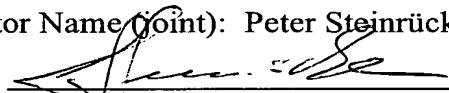
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